

REMARKS


In the office action, claims 7 and 20 were rejected under U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, corresponding revisions to the claims have been made to overcome this rejection. Claims 1-6 and 14-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,567,482 (Popovic') in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,153 (Dahlman et al.); and claims 7-13 and 20-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being upatentable over Popovic' in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,091 (Nystrom et al.). None of the cited referenced discloses determining an uplink scrambling code based on a transmission radio frame. Using the transmission frame as a basis for the scrambling code assignment, allows for reuse of the same scrambling codes after a predetermined number of transmission radio frames and prevents code collisions within the predetermined number of radio frames. In the preferred embodiment, the number of radio frames is based on a maximum time period of a transmission so that reassignment of the same scrambling code will not occur during a transmission. None of the cited references or other prior art discloses such an arrangement, either alone or in combination.

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Reconsideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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